UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

v. * SECTION:

DONALD BATTISTE * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 242

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

On or about October 6, 2006, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, **DONALD BATTISTE**, defendant herein, while acting under color of law as a commissioned officer of the New Orleans Police Department during an investigative stop, stole United States currency from a person known to the Grand Jury, thereby willfully depriving that person of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, not to be subjected to unreasonable seizure of property, with the offense resulting in bodily injury; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT 2

BATTISTE, defendant herein, while acting under color of law as a commissioned officer of the New Orleans Police Department during an investigative stop, struck a person known to the Grand Jury, with the offense resulting in bodily injury, thereby willfully depriving that person of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, not to be subjected to unreasonable seizure, which includes the right not to be subjected to unreasonable force; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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